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To: Saint, London
From: DB001
Subject: Vetting of Karl von WINCKLER.

1. We submit for vetting the name and
fragebogen of Karl von WINCKLER, known to SI and OWI.

2. The following is from 476:

"I have been advised by two of my most trustworthy friends in the German resistance movement (who have worked actively against Hitler even before the outbreak of war) that Winkler is OK, and that he has been in active opposition to Hitler for many years. He was attached to the so-called VON HARLEM circle, representing this group in Austria and the Balkans. Harlem, as you probably know, was tortured and executed by the Nazis."

"I believe that politically Winkler leans towards the right and has contacts with clerical circles in Austria, some of whom may be a bit reactionary. I see no reason why Winkler should not be returned home, especially as he was brought to Switzerland with our knowledge and tacit approval."

3. OWI informs us that they have worked closely with WINCKLER, although for a short period only, and consider him reliable. The information he supplied to them was sound; they believe he would be very useful in Austria and would be glad to see him returned there.

4. Kindly advise us by cable of the results of your investigation.

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